



# Spiritual Birth

The Basis of Liberation from Suffering



# Bhava भाव

from भू bhū, to  
become. “attitude;  
status of being; a  
subjective becoming;  
state of mind”



# Three Factors

- \* 1. Death
- \* 2. Birth
- \* 3. Sacrifice



BRAIN: INTELLECT

HEART: EMOTION

SEXUAL ORGANS





# Buddha बुद्ध्

n. “awakened one,  
enlightened, sage,  
knowledge”

adj. “awake,  
conscious, wise,  
intelligent”



# Tathāgatagarbha तथागतगर्भ

tathagata तथागतः “the thus-gone [thus-coming, thus-perfected] one”. alt. “beyond coming and going”

garbha गर्भः “fire, child, conception, embryo”



# Maya माया

Sanskrit; originally “art, wisdom, extraordinary or supernatural power”

Later, “illusion, unreality, deception, fraud, trick, sorcery, witchcraft, magic; an unreal or illusory image, phantom, apparition.”

Also, “goddess; the Divine Mother; mother of Buddha.”





Mahamaya  
or  
Mayadevi





Then one day by the king's permission the queen, having a great longing in her mind, went with the inmates of the gynaeceum into the garden Lumbinî.

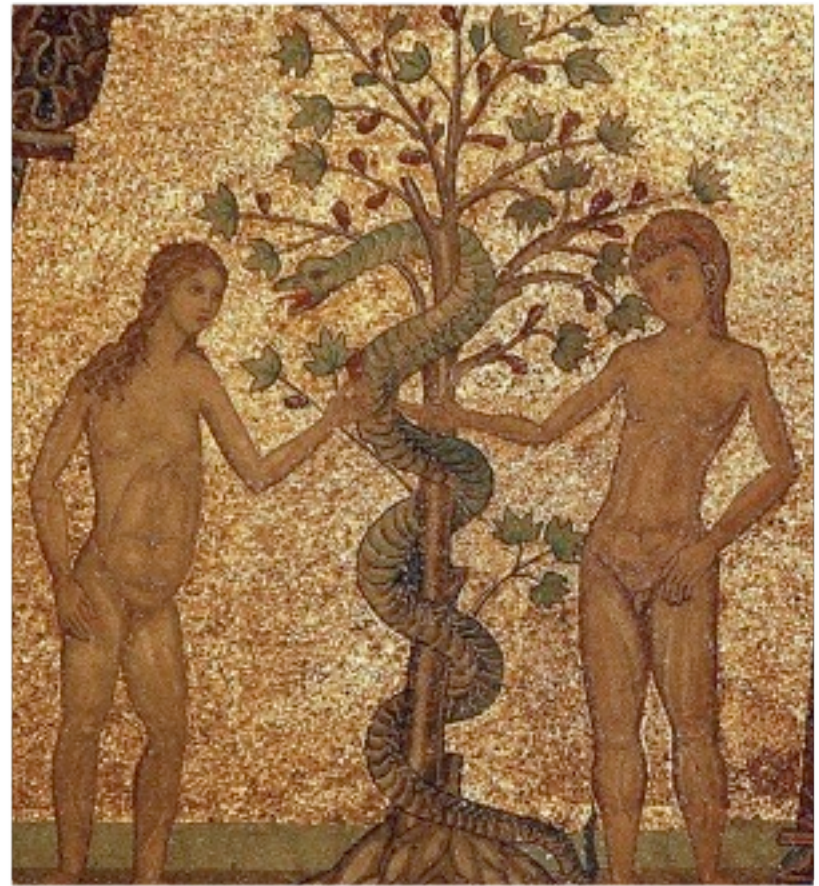
As the queen supported herself by a bough which hung laden with a weight of flowers, the Bodhisattva suddenly came forth, cleaving open her womb.

At that time the constellation Pushya was auspicious, and from the side of the queen, who was purified by her vow, her son was born for the welfare of the world, without pain and without illness.

Like the sun bursting from a cloud in the morning,--so he too, when he was born from his mother's womb, made the world bright like gold, bursting forth with his rays which dispelled the darkness.

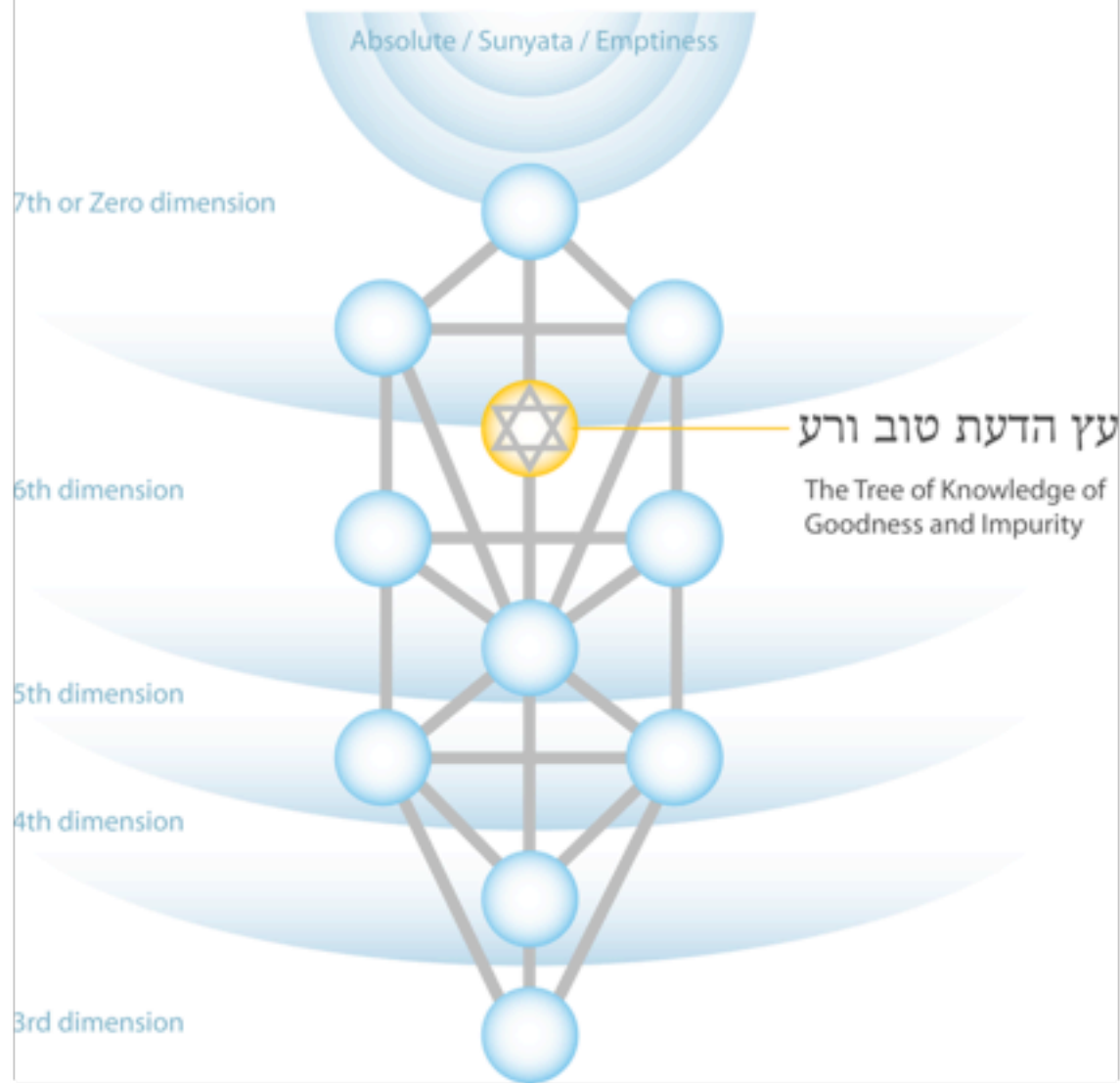
As soon as he was born the thousand-eyed (Indra) well-pleased took him gently, bright like a golden pillar; and two pure streams of water fell down from heaven upon his head with piles of Mandâra flowers. -  
Buddhacarita of Ashvaghosha, I.23-27







עץ החיים  
The Tree of Lives



“...the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of knowledge of good and evil.”

बोध: bodha (m),  
knowledge

बुद्धि: bodhi (f),  
knowledge



Sujata सुजात “good birth”







# Soma सोम

“extract, nectar,  
moon, wind, water,  
air, ether, rice-  
water, rice-gruel,  
heaven, sky”







“O Soma, these  
Seven Rivers flow, as  
being thine, to give  
command: the  
streams of milk run  
forth to thee.” - Rig  
Veda 9:66

Absolute / Sunyata / Emptiness

